

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' amendment filed October 6, 2009 is acknowledged. Claims 2, 12-17 and 21 are deleted. Claims 1, 7, 10 and 22 are amended. Claim 3 is withdrawn. Now Claims 1, 4-11, 18-20 and 22 are pending for consideration.

2. It is noted that the claim status identifier of Claim 10 is improper.

Therefore, the instant claim is re-written in paragraph 4.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas F. Roland on October 20, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claims 1 (page 3, line 15) and 22 (page 6, line 10), remove "and their derivatives".

Delete Claim 3.

Delete Claim 4.

Replace entire Claim 10 with --

10. The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the B block has a weight-average mass of between 2000 and 300 000 g/mol, and a polydispersity index of between 1 and 3. --

5. Claim objection(s) in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 20090801) is/are removed.

6. Claim rejection(s) under 35 USC 112 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 20090801) is/are removed.

7. Claim rejection(s) under 35 USC 102 and 103 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 20090801) is/are removed.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 5-11, 18-20 and 22 are allowed.

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present claims are allowable for at least the following reason(s) over the closest reference: Nesvadba (US 6 262 206)

Nesvadba discloses an adhesive comprising a block copolymer derived from a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer such as (alkyl)acrylate, (alkyl)acrylic acid, styrene, etc.; and b) an initiator of formula (I). The block copolymer can have a first block derived from (alkyl)acrylate and a second block derived from (alkyl)methacrylate. (col. 2, line 64 to col. 4, line 58, col. 6, lines 50-58, col. 9, lines 34-61, col. 11, lines 7-63, col. 12, lines 22-33 and Examples B16, B30, etc.) However, Nesvadba does not teach or fairly suggest an adhesive composition comprising a block copolymer having a core containing the claimed polyfunctional organic radical.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone

number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck, can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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